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Applicant(s) : Martin LAUER
Serial No. : 09/342,017
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AMENDMENT

S I R:

In response to the Office Action of November 29, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 13 without prejudice as follows:

- Sub 71*
1. (Twice Amended) A connector element for connecting a fluid line, preferably a length of tubing, cannulas or catheters to a second connector element, comprising:
- a conduit forming a lumen for conveying a flowing medium;
 - a cylindrical sealing part moveable relative to the conduit between a closed position and an open position, adapted for sealing the conduit from an ambient atmosphere when in the closed position; and
 - an opening element including an outer socket connector having a diameter that is greater than a diameter of the conduit, the opening element configured to open the sealing part while

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TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an
Amendment in response to the November 29, 2002 Office Action.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required,
please use Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for that
purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: February 10, 2003

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